

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God whose love lifts us from mindless servitude to caring community, we thank you for the guidance of your commandments and the promise of your presence in Jesus Christ. We seek to love as we have been loved, to risk our comfort for the sake of our sisters and brothers, and to be the ambassadors of reconciliation you called us to be. Grant us strength and insight by your Holy Spirit that we may worship and serve you faithfully now and always. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"
Don Burleson, Recorder

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LIFE OF THE CHURCH – Recognition of our Graduates

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based upon *Matthew* 5:1-8)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

This is a gathering of the blessed. This is gathering of those who are called to be a blessing for others.

Come weak and strong, persecuted and privileged, for God is here. Come let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the destructive habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. Help us to become the people you would have us be. We confess that we have allowed vanity to cut us off from others and have judged and condemned those we should have welcomed and loved. We confess that we have turned our gaze away from others' pain and condoned injustice. We have tried to limit the scope of your love. Forgive us, merciful God. Cleanse us of our sins and open our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might work for justice and reconciliation as Jesus did, and participate in the healing of the world. We offer this prayer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

(A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Judges 16:4-5, 15-22; OT Page 234

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:26-31; NT Page 10

SERMON

"A Hairy Problem"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Psalm 134"
Don Burleson, Recorder

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 8, ¶3, lines 57-78)

God sends us to strive for justice. God has reached out to those who suffer injustice and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry. The Lord is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We are persuaded God is at work here and now when people deal fairly with each other and labor to change customs and structures that enslave and oppress human beings. We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane. We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect and the chance to exercise power for the common good.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Clarke, Beth, and Andrew Ross

Prayer institution of the week: Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (Odenton, MD)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O for a World"
Suzann Barthold, Organ

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Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Carolyn Kuffel (301-464-0623) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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